

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Tax Collecting

A NEW financial year for the Colony is fast approaching and with it, in the public's mind, goes the perennial question, does it mean more taxation?

Almost every year since the war the Financial Secretary has injected into his Budget speech a solemn warning that if public works undertakings, education, social services and medical and health facilities are to be maintained at the level demanded by the community, the possibility of increased taxation cannot be ruled out. And doubtless the annual reminder will be delivered again next month.

But, in fact, the Colony's financial position remains outstandingly buoyant, despite trade restrictions and unexpected demands on the Treasury caused by disastrous squatter fires and unbudgeted—for relief and welfare services. We see no obvious reason why there should be any new direct taxation burdens introduced in the forthcoming financial year.

THERE is, nevertheless, one aspect of direct taxation which might be worth contemplation both by taxpayers and Government. It concerns the system of payment.

The pay-as-you-earn method of tax collection has never been seriously considered in Hongkong, although it was advocated editorially when taxation on earnings was reintroduced shortly after the war. It is a system, with slight variations, which has been adopted in many countries, and has proved successful both as a form of convenience for taxpayers and as an easy way of collecting revenue.

It is probable the principal objection in Hongkong to pay-as-you-earn would be that it involves a compulsory system of weekly or monthly deductions from pay envelopes, and that those liable for salaries tax would have to wait a full year for remissions on personal and family allowances, insurance premiums, etc. This, in a great number of cases, could involve month to month financial hardship. The popularity of a PAYE system on standard lines, therefore, would be questionable.

AN alternative suggests itself. The offer by Government for taxpayers to purchase, voluntarily, coupons during any part of the financial year which would be registered as contributions towards a currently assessed salaries tax.

Encouragement for taxpayers to embrace this offer could be given by making the coupons reasonable in denomination, such as five or ten dollars, and even greater encouragement would be derived if the coupons were interest-bearing.

Government would have a continuous and ready source of revenue, and the interest thereby saved from avoiding extending credit to taxpayers could, at least in some measure, be returned to a public willing to take advantage of the scheme.

Many whose earnings fall within the middle and moderately high brackets take advantage of the present "easy payments" concession which extends over three months, but even this can become a serious burden every year if no special provision has been made in the personal budget.

An interest-bearing voucher system would almost certainly win a wide public response, and it would appear at first sight to be quite as practicable as it is attractive.

NO COMMITMENTS
BY EDEN
Formosa Talks
With Dulles
At Bangkok

London, Feb. 21.

Sir Anthony Eden is carrying to Bangkok, Cabinet instructions ruling out any British commitment to the United States on defence of the Chinese off-shore islands, it was learned today.

In Bangkok, where he is due tomorrow for the SEATO conference, Sir Anthony will seek immediate talks with the United States Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, on the crucial Formosan problem.

The British Foreign Secretary is to underline the British decision to keep out of any fighting for the Quemoy and Matsu islands, the sources said.

The British Foreign Office today maintained a strict reserve on the delicate issue of any possible American entanglement over Formosa and of Britain's role in such an event.

It firmly declined to comment on Washington reports of a formal British demurral informing the United States that Britain would not assist America if she were involved in fighting around the off-shore islands.

But officials emphasized that the United States Government was "well aware" of the size of British public and Parliamentary opinion on the question of Quemoy and Matsu. They also recalled the Government statements in recent weeks that Britain had no commitment

Britain
Under Snow
Drifts
Appalling Weather
Continues

London, Feb. 21. Much of Europe had blizzards today and no prospects of relief from the icy spell just yet.

Avalanches have blocked the Naiburg Pass and other mountain routes in Northern Austria. Four people died in avalanches in the Italian Alps.

Today a plane dropped 90 pounds of food in canisters to a shepherd and his family living in a highland lodge in Sutherlandshire, who had been isolated for 14 days.

A helicopter landed at John o'Groats, the northernmost tip of Britain, to rescue an elderly woman with a broken leg. She was flown to a hospital in Wick.

The BBC was asked today to broadcast a message to stranded motorists telling them to make wide signs in the snow, indicating their most urgent needs to rescue pilots—“for cattle fodder,” “for doctor,” and “for human food.”

HAY FOR SHEEP
Intense cold made it difficult to service aircraft at Kinloss Royal Air Force station in the north of Scotland, headquarters of the rescue operation. As a result, fewer flights were made than had been planned.

But planes managed to drop bales of hay to stranded flocks of sheep in the county of Caithness.

Light aircraft were flown to Kinloss today from other stations to help in difficult stations in mountainous areas.

All Britain was today still in the grip of snow and ice with Air Ministry weather experts warning that the cold spell would continue.

In Kent, dozens of isolated villages and hamlets were snowed up under drifts five feet deep. Bulldozers, tractors and snowploughs worked all day to clear the main roads.

Rail and road traffic had badly hit in the South of England, with trains delayed and cars and lorries negotiating slippery roads at a crawl.

Officials said today that the centre of the Formosan ceasefire talks has now shifted to Bangkok where the two Foreign Secretaries will consider the next steps.

No news has come as yet from Moscow, despite Britain's request some 10 days ago for the Kremlin's views on the British demand that in any international ceasefire meeting the Nationalist Chinese authorities would have to be represented.

Moscow last week had given instructions to British and Indian officials that they might consider Generalissimo Chiang's representation in some form of the proposed 10-Power conference.

But rumblings from Peking in the past few days have given rise to new pessimism over the Communist Chinese attitude.

The indications are interpreted as a further stiffening of the Peking regime on the entire Formosan question. — United Press.

STOP PRESS

Keen Cricket

Sydney, Feb. 22.

The MCC-NSW match was left in an extremely interesting position at tea when the MCC were 210 for 5, 90 runs short of victory, with five wickets standing.

The Hutton-May partnership was ended after receiving 71 runs, with May bowled by Miller for 0.

Then Hutton was caught by Simpson off Miller for 10, after adding 50 runs to the MCC total with Giffen.

At the advertisement break, the MCC were 22 not out and Sydney 18 not out.

SPECTACULAR SITE PREPARATION FOR NEW BANK FLATS
TWO AUSSIES & A BULLDOZER
GET TO WORK

By William Smyly

Residents of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation flats in College Road, Kowloon, are beginning to look sadly out of windows on the top five floors at their splendid views over Kowloon Bay. Soon, it is hoped in Hongkong, the view will be even more magnificent. But the flats will no longer be there to look out on it.

The view which they will not be able to see will be the new \$96 1/4 million extension of Kai Tak Airport.

Out of three blocks of flats comprising 30 floors, only 8 floors will be left standing when the alterations are completed to make room for aircraft passing overhead on their new approach run.

People living in the bottom eight floors which will remain will not be disturbed — except by the roar of aircraft passing overhead.

One of the first concerns to start work on this project is one of Hongkong's smallest companies — two young Australians, a driver, and bulldozer.

In place of the block which is being cut in half, and supplementing it, Hongkong Government are levelling commanding hill-top sites above Kowloon Tong for the erection of three identical ten-storey blocks.

The new buildings will have a wide drive sweeping up from Waterloo Road, open hillside country behind for children to play and play in, and wide lawns in front, laid on an area that is now about 80 foot up in the air.

Around a million cubic yards of hilltop is being pitched into a deep ravine. When the rough hill tops are flattened and the ravine is full, the lawns will be laid.

HILLSIDE OPERATION

And as the moment the thing doing most of the pitching in the Australians' bulldozer. Higher up the hill, pick and shovel men are camping on the site, tools and picnic there, and encourage the hillside to slip down into the valley with as much speed as possible. But it would take 300 of them to keep up with the bulldozer.

The men behind the bulldozer, Dan Beard and Leo Callaghan, are like two characters who have stepped out of a rather far-fetched yarn by Mr Nevil Shute.

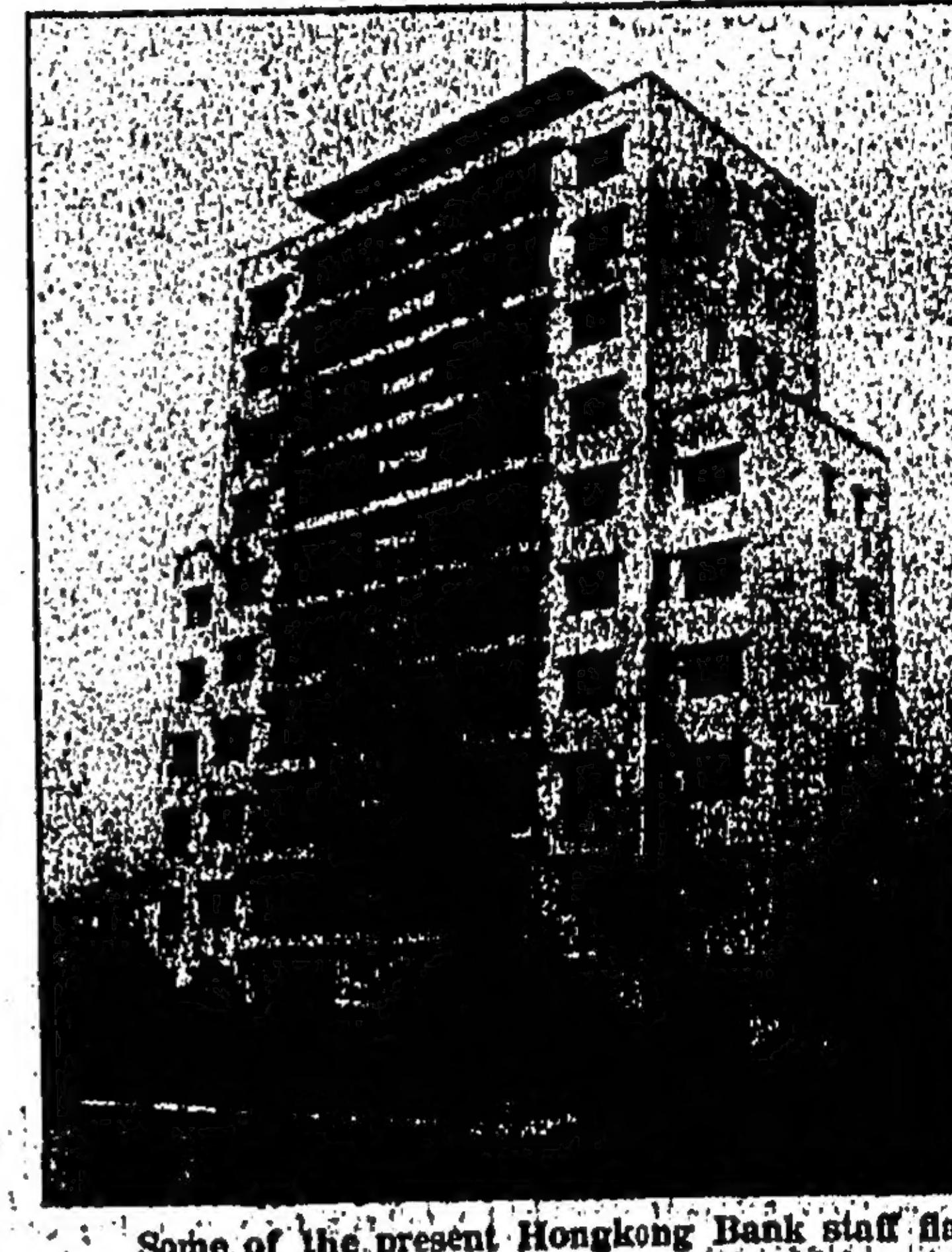
Dan ended the war by stepping out of the RAAF into a charter plane which he piloted off the old DC3 to the new Korean National Airways, and they started life as an earth shifting company. They work seven days a week.

Their Chinese driver, Chan Pek-ho, for whom they both have high praise, works an eight-hour day — and does an extra run or two after Leo's wants to tell him he can pack up at the end of it.

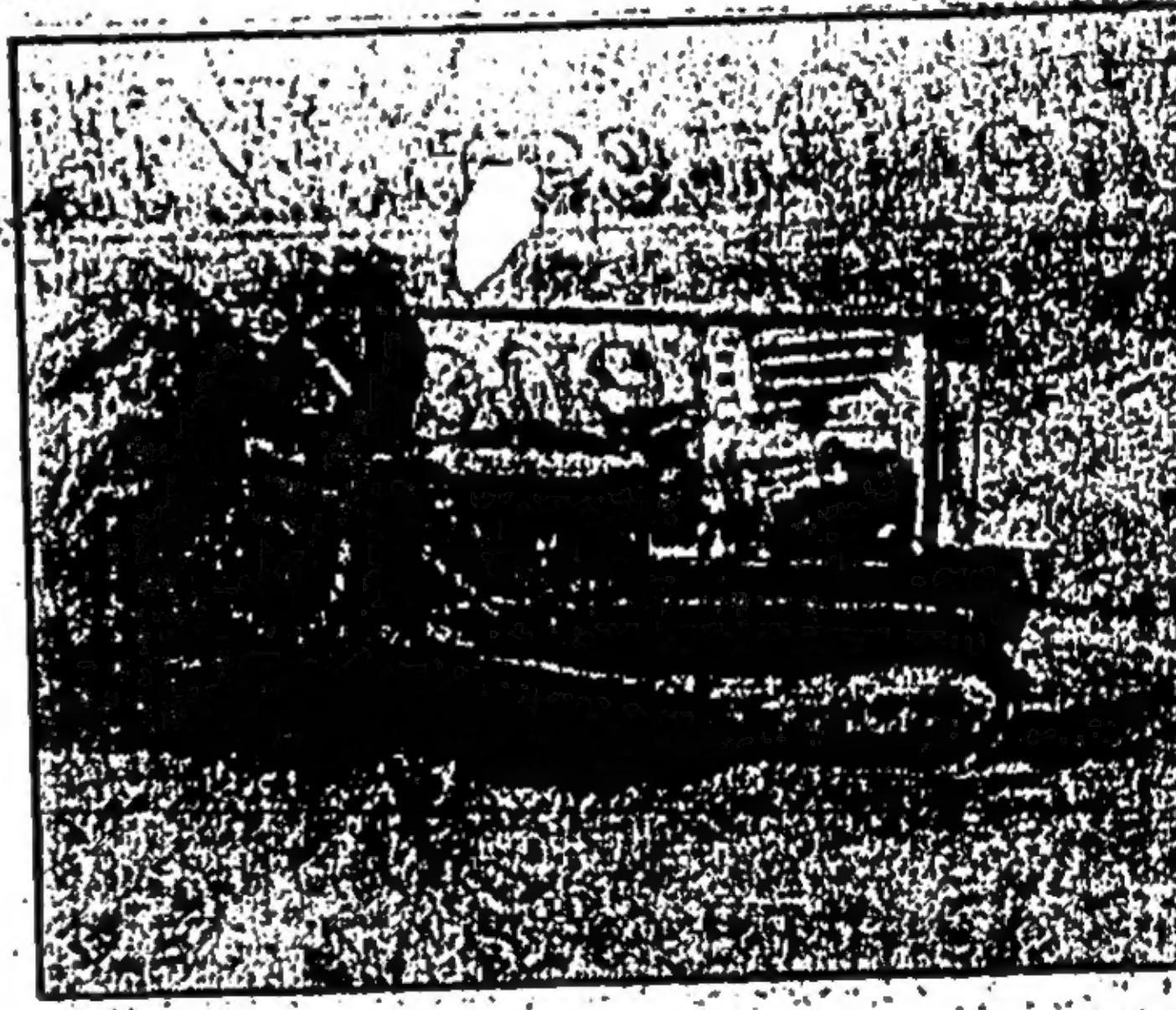
Then Leo gets to work for his maintenance shift.

Dan still has a light plane for private charter work, but will probably sell that too. If the bulldozer, grader, roller, and carry-all earn their keep,

One reason why the bulldozer is being used for this contract,



Some of the present Hongkong Bank staff flats in College Road, a substantial part of which are to be demolished. — Staff Photographer.



The bulldozer at work on the site for the new flats. — Staff Photographer.

Socialists
Repudiate
M. Faure

Paris, Feb. 21.

The Socialists tonight decided not to support M. Edgar Faure in his efforts to form a new government and end France's 16-day political crisis.

The Socialists, largest single party in the National Assembly, said they would neither participate in a Faure Government nor support it.

Faure will decide whether to pursue his efforts after the meeting of his Radical Party tomorrow morning.

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British Memorial At Bayeux

London, Feb. 21. A British Commonwealth War Memorial to be unveiled at Bayeux, France, on June 6, will bear a Latin inscription reading: "We whom he conquered have set free the land of William the Conqueror."

Announcing this today, the Imperial War Graves Commission said the unveiling ceremony will be carried out by the Duke of Gloucester.

The memorial at Bayeux commemorates 1,837 officers and men of the Commonwealth armies who fell in the assault on the Normandy beaches or in the advance to the Seine and have no known grave.

More than 4,000 of their comrades, buried in the nearby Bayeux war cemetery, are commemorated by individual headstones. — China Mail Special.

Anglo-Spanish Film Not Banned

Will Be Reviewed Says Official

Madrid, Feb. 21. A Spanish official denied today that the Anglo-Spanish film "That Lady" had been banned for showing in Spain, but said it would be reviewed again by the Censorship Board this week.

The official of the Direction General of Cinema said some changes had been made in the script since it was originally approved by the authorities.

(The makers of the film, 20th Century-Fox, announced in London yesterday that the Spanish Government had ordered prints of the film destroyed because it showed a 16th century Spanish King in an unfavourable light).

The film stars Olivia de Havilland and the British actor Paul Scofield as King Philip the Second of Spain.

The Spanish official said today that when the film came up for showing in Spain the censors noticed changes that had been made in the original script and they objected. He said the Spanish co-producer, Don Jose Sainz de la Maza, had agreed to move the dialogue back to its original form.

The official said the film would be passed by the Censorship Board this week if the original script were adhered to. He stressed that the Board concerned itself only with the showing of the film in Spain. — Reuters.

Woman Flyer Breaks All Records

Paris, Feb. 21. The Frenchwoman flyer Elizabeth Boselli beat the world air speed record to-day for all categories in a closed circuit.

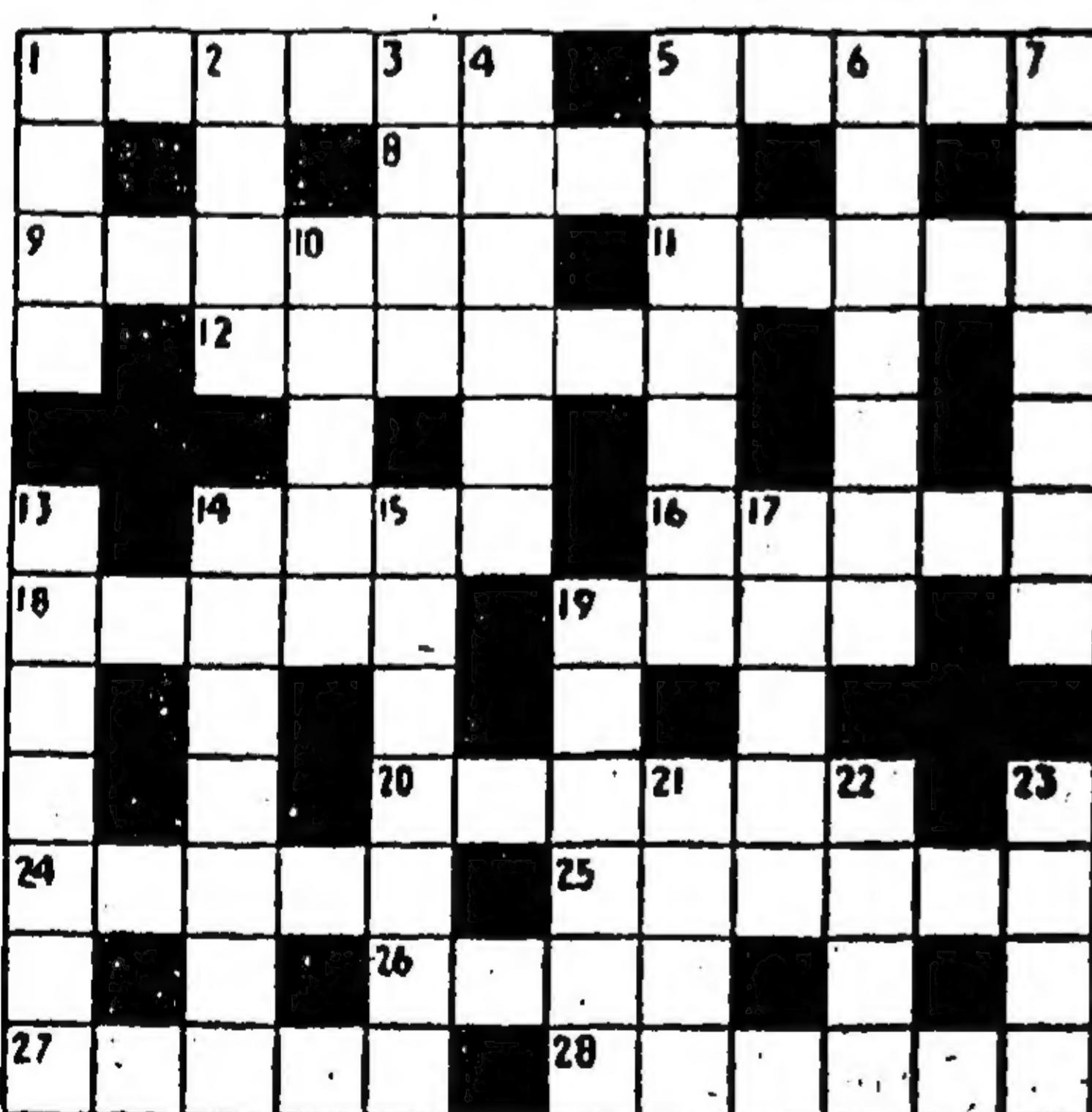
The record flight was made by Elizabeth Boselli over the 1,840-kilometre non-stop return flight between Mon-de-Marsan and Oran, Algeria.

The Frenchwoman was in the controls of a Mistral jet plane.

When she arrived back in Mon-de-Marsan from her record flight today, the tanks of the Mistral aircraft contained fuel for little more than three minutes flying. She had used up almost 40 of her 2,500 litres (over 500 gallons) fuel supply on the trip to Oran and back.

Elizabeth Boselli earlier this year lowered the world record for 1,000 kilometres in a closed circuit—again at the controls of a French Mistral aircraft. — France-Presse.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

DOWN

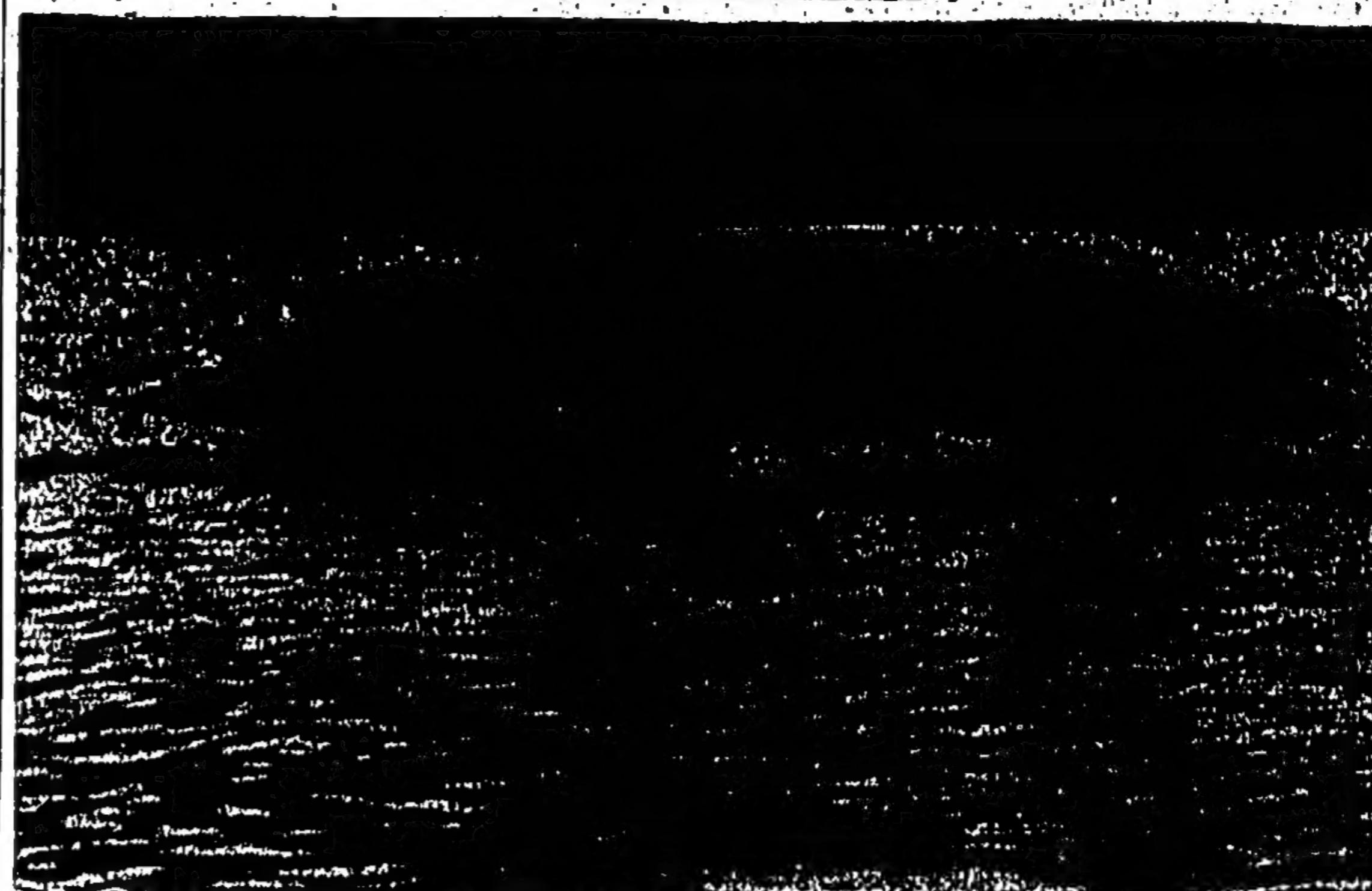
1 Thief (6).
5 Quite sufficient (6).
6 Sell (4).
9 Oriental language (6).
11 Poory (8).
12 In abundance (6).
14 Darling (4).
15 Upset (6).
18 Liable (5).
19 Cleric (4).
20 Sease (6).
22 Commerce (5).
23 Trimming (6).
26 Necessity (4).
27 Exploits (5).
28 Protect (6).

1 Harvest (4).
2 Bond (4).
3 Wickedness (4).
4 Register (6).
5 Contrary (7).
6 Steal (7).
7 Precious stone (7).
8 Staff (6).
10 Antecedent (7).
12 Servitude (7).
15 Disinherited (7).
17 Less bright (9).
19 Discouraged (6).
21 Concentrated (4).
22 Vox (4).
23 Old (4).

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Bluebird Ships Water In Trials



Donald Campbell, son of speed-king Sir Malcolm Campbell, takes the £25,000 turbowet hydroplane Bluebird on its first test run at Ulverston. — Bluebird glides through the rough water. But soon after the trial started Mr Campbell radioed back to the shore that water was entering the craft and the test was abandoned. No serious damage was done and it will not hold up an attempt on the world water speed record. — Express Photo.

Kuala Lumpur Lawyer Appeals To Privy Council

London, Feb. 21.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council today began the hearing of an appeal by Mr P. S. Rajasooria, a Kuala Lumpur lawyer, against a High Court order of August, 1953, suspending him from practice for six months.

The suspension followed a complaint made on behalf of the Foh Hup Omnibus Company. In June, 1952, Mr Rajasooria was consulted by a number of dissatisfied shareholders and he was alleged to have sent to the company in August an amended requisition for an extraordinary general meeting to which had been pasted signatures from the original requisition.

Mr Bernard Gillis, Q.C., for Mr Rajasooria, said there were two charges against his client and the main question in the appeal was whether he had been guilty of grossly improper conduct in the discharge of his professional duty.

ONE TRANSACTION

The matter was first investigated by the Disciplinary Committee, respondents in the appeal, and it arose out of one transaction.

On the first complaint, the Committee found that in cutting off the signatures and pasting them to the amended requisition, Mr Rajasooria was guilty of grossly improper conduct.

With regard to the second complaint, they found that he

had written a letter on September 29, 1952 with the intention of justifying his action and that it was done with the intention to mislead.

Having held on the first charge that Mr Rajasooria did not act with any intention to deceive, there was lacking the essential element for a finding of grossly improper conduct, Mr Gillis submitted.

Mr Rajasooria had behaved in an almost incredibly foolish way but such finding must contain some element of dishonourable conduct and he was expressly acquitted of that intention.

When the company's solicitors received the letter of September 29, they replied on October 1, setting out in the clearest terms their understanding of the letter.

To a large extent the finding against Mr Rajasooria was based on the fact that he had made no reply to the letter, notwithstanding that his attention had been drawn to the way in which the solicitors were interpreting it.

NOT DELIVERED

"It was also discovered that the letter of October 1 was not delivered until October 4 to his office in his absence and was never seen by him," said Mr. Gillis.

The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow. — China Mail Special.

Britain Not Committed To Reduce Steel Tariff

London, Feb. 21.

Mr Duncan Sandys, Minister of Housing, said tonight that Britain was not committed to reduce her steel tariff or otherwise change her commercial policy as a result of her association with the European Coal and Steel Community.

No one-sided concessions were contemplated, he said.

He was asking the House of Commons to approve a Government motion welcoming the agreement on relations between Britain and the Community signed on December 21, 1954.

Welcoming the motion on behalf of the Opposition, Mr Alfred Robens said the agreement was "like planting a tiny acorn from which the mighty oak will come."

TWO VITAL COMMODITIES

Mr Robens said "only two vital commodities were concerned at the moment. But there was no reason why the Community should not be a model which could be extended into other economic fields."

He added: "I do not say we

approves the Government motion because of what we have at present, but rather because

of the Europe which we see

arising from this great

experiment of the Community

— Across: 1 Lebanon has now given up the idea of mediating between Egypt and Iraq on the proposed Tunis-Iraq pact of which Egypt disapproves, because Egypt will not change its attitude. It was stated in political circles here tonight.

A three-hour meeting tonight of President Camille Chamoun

Prime Minister Sami al-Solh and Foreign Minister Alfred Naccache with the Egyptian Minister of National Guidance Major Saleh Salam, gave no positive results. It was learned.

Sources close to the Government said after the meeting

that it was to be arranged a

meeting between the Egyptian

Foreign Minister, Kamal Jumblatt

and the Syrian Foreign Minister

Abdullah al-Sarhan.

It was also mentioned in

the meeting that the

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Moved house recently?

THE JEEP WIFE

takes her home with her—round the world



London. It sounds a crazy, thoroughly haywire way of getting from one place to another. It may well be the maddest voyage of 1955.

Elinore Carlin, a slim, black-haired, olive-skinned American, plans to travel with her husband, Australian-born Major Benjamin Carlin, from London to Australia by amphibious jeep.

It is a normal jeep with a boat built around it; a peculiar looking craft 18ft. long with a spare tire on the stern and a bunk where the back seat ought to be.

It is called "Half Safe," and the Carlins have already driven it across the Atlantic Ocean from Halifax to Northern Africa and up through Europe. They intend to get all the way round the world.

This trip to Australia, starting this month, means months on the road, crossing snow-capped mountains and arid deserts. It means weeks at sea, with one spell of at least 10 days between landfalls crossing the North Pacific.

How, what, why?

How do you cross an ocean by boat? What do you take with you? And why do you do it at all?

I went out to the Carlins' basement flat in Regent's Park to find out. Here are Mrs Carlin's answers:

"You do it by staying awake, sleeping with occasional books on a bunk, made up with a hairy, army horse-blanket. I insisted on sheets and pillows cases when we started out from Halifax, but they got so wet and sticky that we gave them up after a couple of days.

"You do it by eating a steady diet of baked beans out of a can. By getting so sleepy that you keep your eyes open by dabbing them with paper handkerchiefs soaked in cold water."

"By getting so tired that you don't know what day it is, and barely whether it's light or dark—so tired that you 'wash' your

face once a week with cold cream."

And what if you get seasick? "I am seasick," says Mrs Carlin calmly, "all the time."

What does a woman take with her on such a trip?

To wear: half a kit-bag full of clothes is the limit—two pairs of shorts, one pair of slacks, a cotton skirt, a couple of blouses, two pairs of shoes.

To eat: two dozen tins of baked beans; three dozen tins of fruit; 10lb. of biscuits; tea and coffee. "Ben has built two immersion heaters into the dashboard for this lap—coming across the Atlantic all our food was cold."

To provide a touch of luxury: a bottle of whisky, cigarettes (30 a day each). "I rolled 2,000 by hand before we left Halifax."

To read: "Nothing. We had books on the first lap, but we were too tired to read a word."

The money

And to give way: "Nylons, lipsticks—and needles. In the North African desert, the only thing that pleased the women were needles."

Where does the money come from? Well, when they landed in England three years ago they were flat broke. Ben had to rebuild the superstructure of the jeep, so Elinore went to work as a secretary with the Amer-

We arrive

There is some excuse for him. But 37-year-old Elinore does not seem the pioneering type. She is sleek and swete. She likes comfort, pretty clothes, exotic dishes. Before the war she worked in the same job in the same small-town bank for 10 years.

Why does she do it?

"Well," she drawls, "it's nice to arrive at the other end. It gives you a sense of achievement. And we arrive quite often."

It sounds to me like hitting your thumb with a hammer, because it feels so good when you stop.

But Mrs Carlin just laughs. "I take to numbness very well."

Mary Hewat

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By Vaughan Jones

ACROSS the grey Irish Sea, lonely bogland wastes cover a million acres of the Republic of Ireland. On their rims huddle little white-washed cottages, their thatched roofs, abiding lightly against the misty purples and dark browns and greens of the bogs. Their poverty-ridden owners exist from a few acres of rough land, with a couple of pigs and a score of hens. Potatoes are the mainstay of them all, though the hens have the advantage of being able to scratch around for grubs.

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poverty. And at least he has no fuel problems. He cuts his turf (he won't know what you're talking about if you call it peat) at his own back door. With a two-edged spade, he slices down five, ten or more feet into the dark soggy mass and casts up the spits to dry on the heater-covered bank alongside.

Sometimes he is content to quit as soon as water, seeping into his trench, prevents him digging lower. Sometimes the lie of the land and a rough drain runs the water off altogether and he cuts down to a gravelly bottom. Then his new-won land will bear a crop of poor potatoes or straggly oats until years of tillage have added some richness. And so the Irish have slowly driven back the bogs.

Right now, however, the Irish bog-men are discovering they are sitting on riches; the very bog which they considered only fit for fuel can one day make them wealthier than their green-grassed neighbours.

In the wilds of Connacht, whose water-logged wastes are still the refuge of snipe and duck, woodcock and plover, a great experiment is proving a success.

First they started on a plot little more than seventeen acres. They drained it, they cleared the heather from it and levelled it. They broke up the surface to a spade-split's depth—and not for carting away for lightening heavy load elsewhere, as was the local custom. Then they added the necessary fertiliser, the chemists had previously analysed the turf and it had been mixed grass and clover.

The surface dried and firms. In three months there was a thriving green crop. And the new land was so solid that nearby farmers could drive their bullocks across it without the animals sinking, floundering, to their middles as they had

done.

The city men went on to a bigger tract of bog, 3,400 acres.

In parts it was thirty-five feet deep in water, slime and turf.

A Success

THIS time they brought in simple machinery to help them. An excavator cut the drains, throwing up the turf to be dried and harvested for fuel. The fertiliser was carried in trailers mounted on light, hollow steel-rollers nine feet long and five feet across—too bulky to sink through the still-soft surface.

Another machine, the tractor, broke up the top eight inches. Finally came the machine which sowed the seed and rolled it in.

The hay was harvested—the yield was bigger than that of the surrounding farms—and the men from Dublin went on to other crops.

They planted barley, potatoes and sugar beet. They planted salsify and peppermint—for sun-chewing America.

The experiment was an unqualified success. To the acre 30 cwt. of barley; 10 tons of seed potatoes; and eventually more than 17 tons of sugar beet.

After the first year, furthermore, the grain yield was twice that of neighbouring mineral land.

The secret of the success was that the new land was not sown with grass, but with a mixture of grasses and cereals.

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"Yes, sir, that boy of mine has a head on his shoulders. When I took him into the business, you should see the secretary he hired."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

THE suggestion that athletes, particularly high and long jumpers, should be a "ballet dancer" before dancing, fits in with a general belief among them.

I would go further and take better I think even, high-jumper should jump with a ballerina in his arms, to give him poise. Or perhaps, the ballerina should be admitted to the bar by a group of dancers, some shooting at him with bows and arrows, others throwing in the air one arm half-bent—what choreographers call "the petite fuite" in pronuncient. As for putting the ballerina on the bar, one of them can put Santa Tumbulova, he is the man for my money.

Oh, dear!

MRS. SUEZ GLOPCORN had called at Sue's office to return a "Freightage Adjustment in Theory and Practice." She found Gloria Gorenstein in the room and expected you two would like to be alone," said Gloria, going towards the door. "I expect it is Mrs. M. with unusual tact, 'you two would like to be alone.' 'Oh, we see enough of each other all day,' said Gloria, 'don't we air?' Sue mumbled, and his finger along his upper lip and breathed down his

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YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . By STELLA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

BORN today, you possess exceptional powers but you also have tendencies that are much too apt to lead you to your own estimate. Learn to cultivate self-confidence. You have special talents. Make use of them and you will be sure to know what you can do. You need not err in the opposite direction and become boastful. Just be firmly confident of your own powers.

You have a golden heart and are sympathetic with the sorrows of others. You are no good-natured that people are inclined to impose upon you. Guard against this or you may find yourself getting up with too little time for your own work. Learn that often the best philanthropy is that which teaches others how to help themselves rather than you doing the work for them.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

PIECES (Feb. 20-Mar. 29)—Be sure to utilize all your talents on the job and you will find that it pays to advertise yourself.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Don't be too disappoind if there is a minor upset which makes it impractical for you to do what you want to do, now.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—You can use your brain to save your muscles! Try out a new procedure at work and discover that it pays off.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Let no chance to advance yourself, however small, escape your attention at this time. Could be important.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Be content with all the minor joys in life and the greater things will be yours, as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—As the end of the month approaches, you may want to take stock of your affairs and make future plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—You may wish to entertain at home this evening. Invite a few congenial friends to join you for dinner.

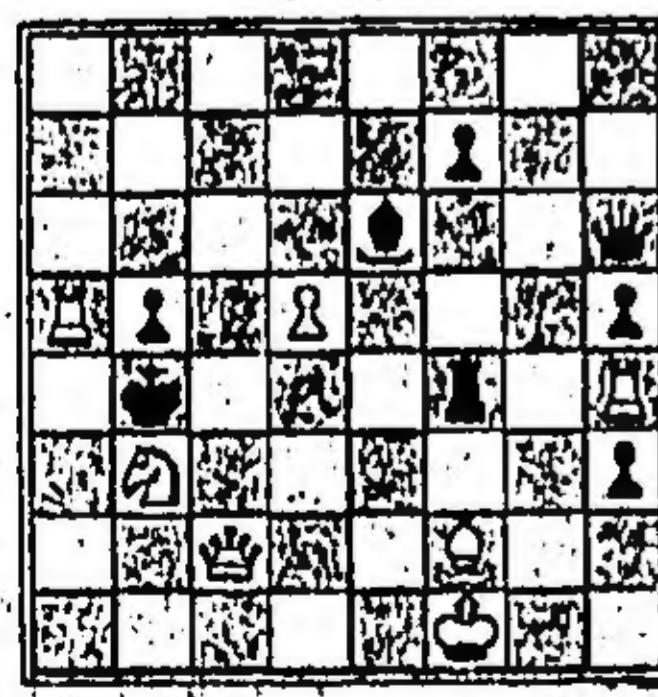
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Worrying over what has passed can do no good at all. Look to the future and take a positive attitude.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—You may have a new idea. If it

CHESS PROBLEM

By ARTHUR A. PAUL

Black, 8 pieces



White, 7 pieces

White to play, mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. K-K4; 1. P-K5; 2. B-B6 (ch); 1. . . . others; 2. P-QB4 (ch).

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Expert Player Will Rise Above Luck

By OSWALD JACOBY

IT'S very natural to rejoice when your luck is good and to feel a little sad when your luck is bad. Only rarely do you get the chance to rise above bad luck, as my friend, Henry Chanin, did in the bridge hand shown today.

Chanin knew that he was bidding the South hand to the hill. His partner's first response showed a count of 10 or 11 points, which meant that the combined count was only 31 to 32 points in high cards.

Nevertheless Henry pushed ahead to the slam in spades. This was slightly optimistic, but far from unreasonable.

West opened the Jack of clubs, and Chanin considered his best line of play. Let's consider the hand along with him. Since we can see all the cards, we can tell that both fitness in diamonds and the fitness in clubs are doomed to failure. Moreover, the hearts are not going to break 3-3. In short the luck is almost as bad as it could be.

Chanin couldn't tell that he was going to run into such bad luck, but he found a way to let around it anyway. He won the first trick with dummy's ace of clubs and ruffed a club with the queen of spades.

CHANIN left the room. "She is not my secretary," said Sue. "She is mine." Then he added, "Then his visitor said, in a voice that would have covered the Red Sea with feet of ice, "There is a mark of piping on your shoulder. I shudder at the implication of her words. "It is red ink," he said with withering dignity. "I have never written any additional report." "Goodnight," replied Minnie, "and pray do not bother me to see me out."

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HERE IS THE BIGGEST IRONY IN ENGLISH SOCCER TODAY

Charlton Have It All Except Support
Says GEORGE ROBB

Here is the biggest irony in soccer today. Down at the Valley, Charlton Athletic, under the forthright management of Mr Jimmy Seed, have one of their finest teams ever. They are up at the top of League One, challenging the leaders. They are playing punchy, attacking football, the sort fans should flock to see.

But the fans are not flocking to view it. Average gate this season—with a ground that will hold 80,000—is around the 23,000 mark. And that is below the red line for safety. Mr Seed has already gone unhappily on the record with the statement: "Unless our pathetic gates improve this could be our last season at the Valley."

Of course, gates are lower all round this year, but that does not lessen the sadness of the situation for Charlton.

They go out on to the pitch as a smooth, finely-balanced unit; they play as a team, and that, I am sure, is their greatest secret, the secret of why they must certainly be classed as one of the teams of the season.

STANDS OUT

That makes it hard to pin-point individual players who contribute to the Charlton success story. Sam Bartram, naturally, stands out. This giant goalkeeper, who has been with his club for so long—so much so that to many fans he is Charlton—is the embodiment of the idea that you are just as old, or young, as you feel.

There is one player, however, who can look forward to being singled out a great deal in the future—by opposing defences. That is Eddie Firmani, who whizzed in five goals recently against Aston Villa.

Firmani has also scored hat-tricks three times this year. Atly supporting him have been South African colleague Stuart Lyle, and England under-23 centre-forward Bobby Ayre.

FORMIDABLE

These three make an inside trio which any defence has to watch closely, an inside-trio which makes a really big contribution to the teamwork—and one which Jimmy Seed must congratulate himself on blending into a formidable unit. It is nothing less than tragic for

Charlton that Ayre is injured at present.

But nothing seems to check the great breeze of confidence that blows down at the Valley. They announce cheerfully that John Howie—the man of many parts—will move forward to deputy.

My first game in Division 1 football was against Charlton when John Hewie was operating at right full-back. Since then he has played left-back, right-half, centre-half, inside-left and centre-forward.

A man who proves another pillar of the side is centre-half Derek Upton, who, I recall, gave a really fine performance in Charlton's match at White Hart Lane this season.

DETERMINATION

He has shown immense determination in overcoming the shoulder injury which threatened to end his career—and is a stumbling-block to all opposition.

Win or lose, this fine side deserve nothing less than all the support their fans can muster.

(London Express Service)

Police And Navy Meet Tomorrow In Pentangular

By "PAK LO"

Tomorrow afternoon the Police and the Navy clash in their long postponed Pentangular Tournament match in the Police Recreation ground at Boundary Street at 4.30 p.m.

The Police have had a bit of bad luck which should affect the strength of the team. Lloyd suffered two broken fingers in the match against the Army last Saturday and will be unable to play for the rest of the season.

However, his work of leading the Police to a resemblance of a good suggestion has already been largely accomplished and though his presence will be missed the loss will not be so great as it would have been five or six weeks ago.

To counteract this stroke of misfortune the Police have got the services of Moss as right centre and Marsh will play at left centre.

Lelliot remains at serum half and Scott moves up to fly half. Carpenter again drops back to full back.

French Fifteen To Meet England At Twickenham

Paris, Feb. 21.

France, leaders in the International Rugby Union Championship, make three changes from the side which beat Ireland for their match against England at Twickenham on Saturday.

Two of the changes are in the three-quarter line. Rancoule or Muriel will replace Antoine Boniface on the right wing, and J. Bouquet takes over at left centre from Lucien, who helped in the wins over Scotland and Ireland.

Andre Haget, who was unable to play in the earlier match because of a leg injury, returns to fly half.

The pack is unchanged.

Team: — M. Vanner; Rancoule (or Muriel); P. Prat; J. Bouquet; J. Lanotte; A. Haget; G. Dufau; H. Doonec; R. Baudoin; J. Prat; B. Chevallier; Celys; A. Domenech; P. Labadie; R. Burelsson; Rouquier.

GIRLS' UNFITT

London, Feb. 21.

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His place at full back will be taken by H. Scott of Manchester, a new cap—Reuter.

Draw For FA Cup Quarter-finals

London, Feb. 21.

The draw for the sixth round (quarter-finals) of the English FA. Cup, made today resulted as follows:

Huddersfield v. Notiz Forest or Newcastle.

Notiz County v. York City.

Birmingham v. Manchester City.

Swansea or Sunderland v. Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Match will be played on the grounds of the first named clubs on Saturday, March 12.—Reuter.

Saturday's Home Soccer Fixtures

The following are the Home soccer fixtures for Saturday, Feb. 20:

Division 1

Armenia v. Shrewsbury W.; Burnley v. Charlton; Cardiff v. Macclesfield; Chelsea v. Aston Villa; Leicester v. Wolves; Manchester v. Shrewsbury; Newcastle v. Blackpool; Sheffield U.; West Brom.

Division 2

Birmingham v. Fulham; Bury v. Doncaster; Ipswich v. B. Burn; Lincoln v. Derby; Luton v. Bristol R.; Middlesbrough v. West Ham; Stoke v. Liverpool.

Division 3 (North)

Accrington v. Chester; Barnsley v. R. B. Old; Bradford C. v. Tranmere; Halifax v. Hartlepools; Middlesbrough v. Bradford; Scunthorpe v. Darlington; Southport v. Croydon; Warrington v. Gateshead; York v. Scottish League.

Division 3 (South)

Colchester v. Queen's Park R.; Coventry v. Norwich; Exeter v. Southend; Gillingham v. Northampton; Millwall v. Bournemouth; Reading v. Shrewsbury; Southampton v. Queen's Park N.; Torquay v. Worcester.

Division 4

Brentford v. Chesterfield; Bristol C. v. R. B. Old; Bradford C. v. Tranmere; Hartlepools v. Carlisle; Oldham v. Bradford; Scunthorpe v. Darlington; Southport v. Croydon; Warrington v. Gateshead; York v. Scottish League.

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Division 6

Harrow v. Macclesfield; Hibernian v. Macclesfield; Kilmarnock v. Macclesfield; Queen of South Africa v. Macclesfield; Alloa v. Dundee U.; Arbroath v. Dundee U.; Brechin v. Dundee U.; Hamilton v. Dundee U.; Third Lanark v. Cowdenbeath; St. Johnstone v. St. Johnstone.

THE TEAMS

Navy, Well, Meriden, Fleet, Lloyd, Blain, Allwood, Smithfield, Brampton, Davies, Annandale, Bryson, Harris, Culverwell, Conway, Reeves.

Police: Carpenter, Nash, Moss, Marsh, Stevens, Scott, Lelliot, Colborne, Maynor, Harris, Perry, Shelley, Bryan, Dawson, Dunncliffe.

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TAKE YOUR CUE FROM HORACE LINDRUM

Don't Make Those Cushion Shots More Difficult

When the cue-ball is tight against the cushion we are faced with many problems. It is seldom possible to make the required contact; too often it brings about a miscue, and there is also the difficult business of controlling the line of play from the cushion rail.

A few evenings ago I watched a player making a tricky cushion shot even more difficult. His bridge-hand was cramped, his cue-arm bent, he was huddled over the stroke and looked as if he were going to tie a knot in his cue at any moment.

Does this happen to you?

Don't dismiss these awkward positions as problems beyond your control. Make your approach as comfortable and easy as possible, and although the position cannot always be overcome to your advantage, you can put your knowledge to the best possible use in tackling it.

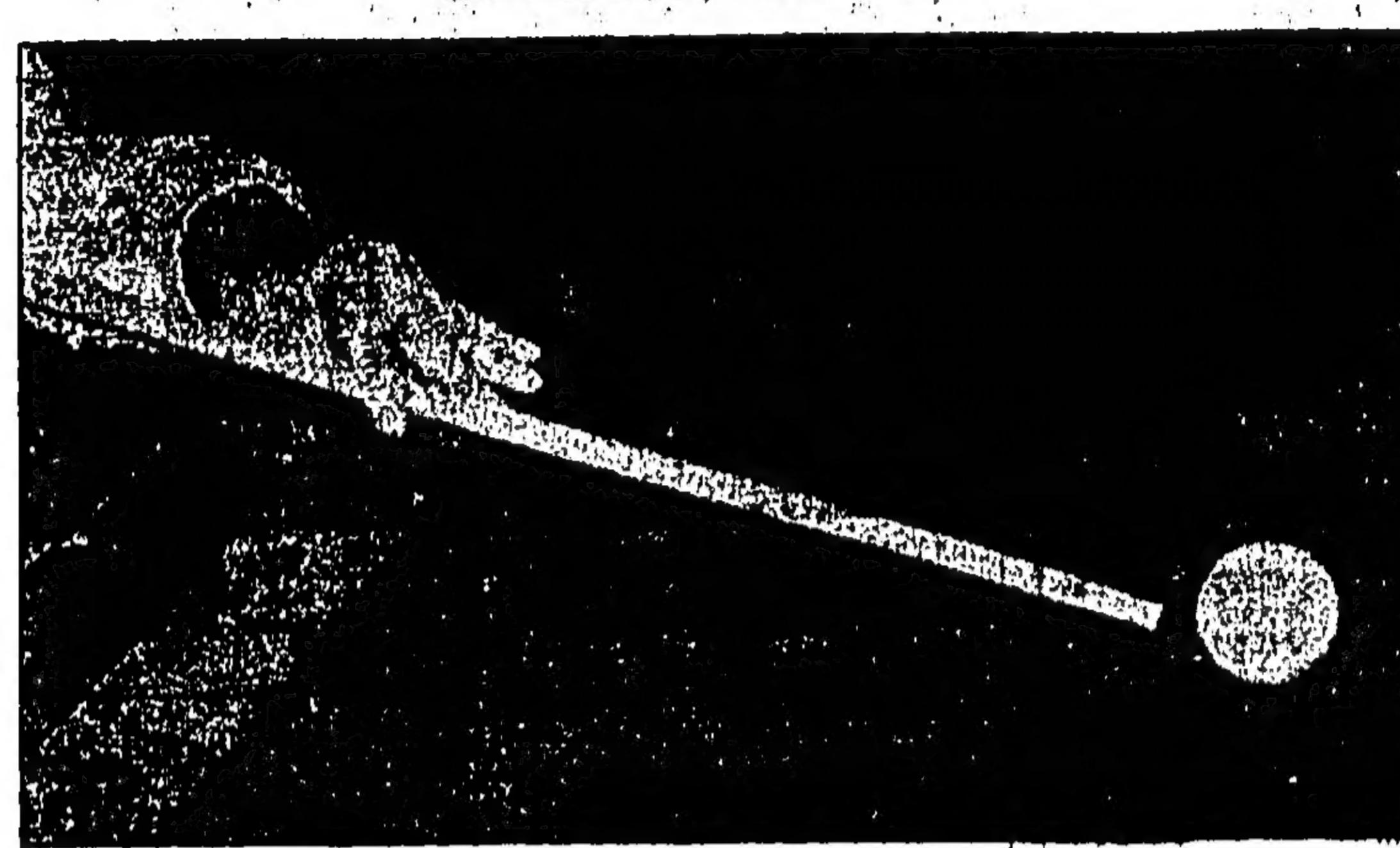
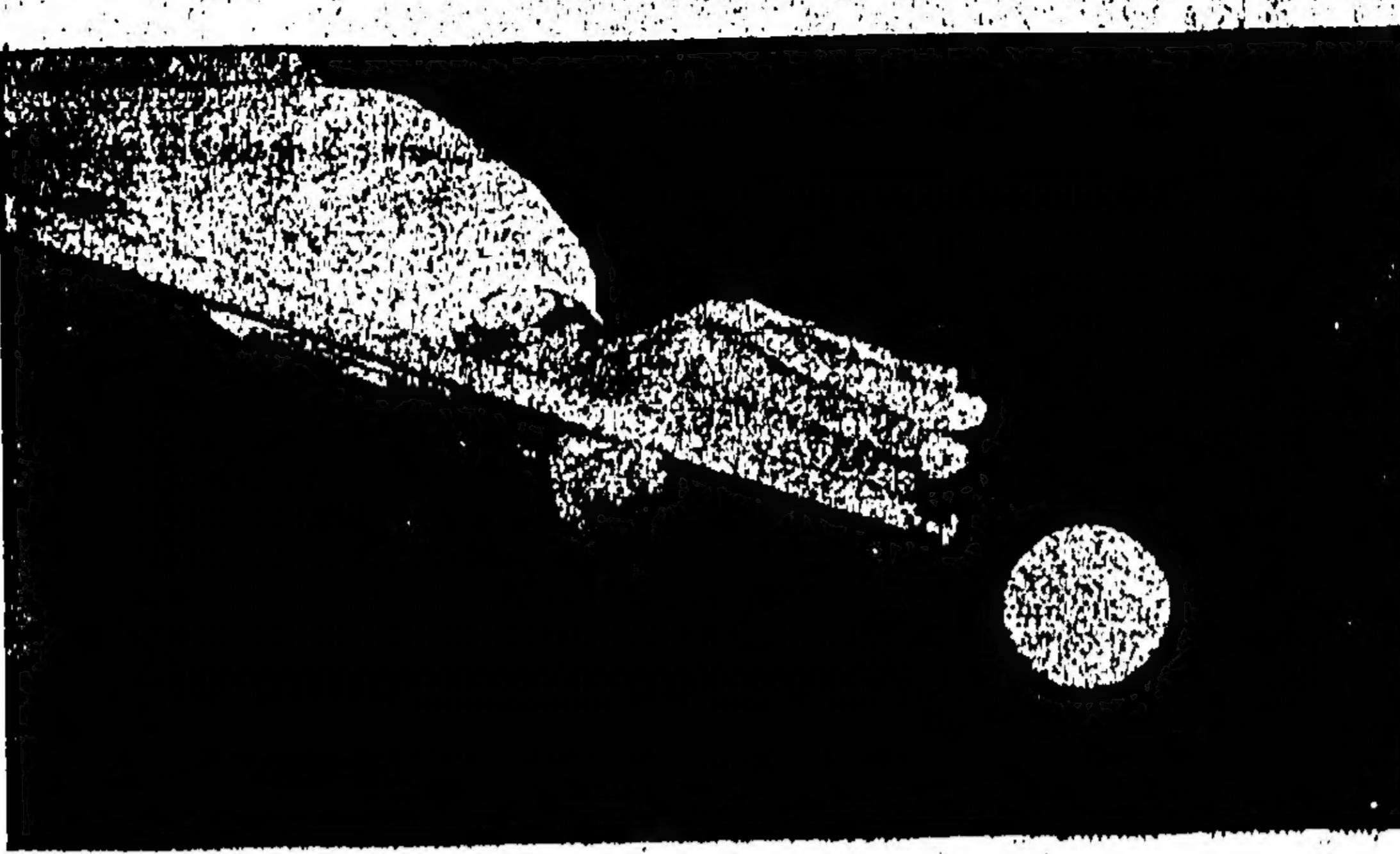
WEEK-END

HOCKEY

The following are the Hockey Fixtures for the coming week-end and the week after.

The bridge-hand probably causes the most bother, and for this reason I have had photographed the two types I use when necessary.

Photo A above, Photo B below.



Lifting The Elbow

By HENRY LONGHURST

After 50 years of trial and error in the United States, 70 in England and a couple of hundred in Scotland, certain basic aspects of the golf swing seem to have been settled upon as unanimously desirable.

All agree to keep their heads still, though few in fact do; to clutch the weapon firmly with the last two fingers of the left hand; to make a half turn with the hips and a full turn with the shoulders—a movement of which the stouter of us are physically incapable—and so on.

Inheriting the results of this massive and world-wide research, we are inclined to look with a faintly patronising air upon the efforts of our grandfathers in the experimental era of golf, as depicted in contemporary works of instruction, and in those delightful bronze statuettes they have left us, notably the lady with nothing on, who, at the top of her backswing, adorns the Dorning House mantelpiece at Rye and is so confirmed a favourite with the young gentlemen at the University match dinner.

In no aspect of their swing are we more patronising than in regard to the position of the right elbow at the top of the backswing. The club passes behind the head and the right elbow points high in the air. You know my methods. Watson's rule of the day is that no player shall touch the ball with his hands. All play must be done with the tools.

The writer was perhaps the greatest player of this day, though Mr. A. F. Macfie, winner of the 1938 tournament at Hinckley, was Bernard Darwin's equal in retrospectively "retrofitted" as the first Amateur Champion, it was Mr. Hutchinson, who won the first two Championships proper in 1886 and 1887. He spoke with authority.

To start with, he tells us: "The two hands should be held close to one another as conveniently possible, for the object is to strike the ball, not the sort of blow you strike a dynamometer but the sort of blow with which a schoolboy flicks with his right forefinger a pillar of paper across the room." So far, so good. Hutchinson and the like did do it like that.

My own generation has been taught charitably to believe that they did not really do it like that, but that no one could hold the top-of-the-swing position while he was skinned or modelled without the right elbow creeping up and up.

This has always seemed reasonable enough, but, alas, a chance piece of detection has this week dispelled the theory. They really did do it like that.

PRECIOUS ITEM

The most precious item in my golfing library, as it might be in that of any golfer the world over, is the very first volume on golf in the Badminton series, which was presented by the author, the late and great Horace Hutchinson, to his wife.

It was in turn presented to me by Mrs. Hutchinson, who, at an age approaching that for so long has been attributed—erroneously as it now appears—to Mr. A. E. Matthews, the actor, residing in London.

Mr. Hutchinson, himself, an artist and sculptor of distinction, anticipated by several

pages and read from the "Philadelphia Times" of Sunday, February 24, 1889: "It is sometimes argued that the game should be won by him who plays the largest number of holes within a given number of minutes" and "an invaluable rule of the game is that no player shall touch the ball with his hands. All play must be done with the tools."

The writer was perhaps the greatest player of this day, though Mr. A. F. Macfie, winner of the 1938 tournament at Hinckley, was Bernard Darwin's equal in retrospectively "retrofitted" as the first Amateur Champion, it was Mr. Hutchinson, who won the first two Championships proper in 1886 and 1887. He spoke with authority.

To start with, he tells us: "The two hands should be held close to one another as conveniently possible, for the object is to strike the ball, not the sort of blow you strike a dynamometer but the sort of blow with which a schoolboy flicks with his right forefinger a pillar of paper across the room." So far, so good. Hutchinson and the like did do it like that.

CONTROLS

Stroke—A Scot, A. H. Muirhead, from Glenalmond, which

is unusual. Another point is

more so. At Cambridge, there

is a strong contrast in methods

—

Findlay Best, their coach, has

induced a crew which a short

time ago looked most unsteady.

The President, Denis Hill,

may leave out four of last year's

rowing crew, though at least one

of them, J. M. Bruce, is still a

possibility.

Like his opposite number, at

Oxford, J. A. Gobbo, the Cam-

bridge President, has been row-

ing bow. Here both are able to

watch what their other seven

men are doing at every practice.

Mr. Hill has also appeared at 3.

CONTROL ENDED

Stroke is a Scot, A. H. Muir-

head, from Glenalmond, which

is a highly successful

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- To receive and consider the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1954, and the Balance Sheet as at that date.
- To approve the Dividend.
- To elect Directors.
- To appoint Auditors.

The Register of Members will be closed from Wednesday, the 23rd of February, to Tuesday, the 8th of March, 1955, both days inclusive.

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F. H. FELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th Feb., 1955.

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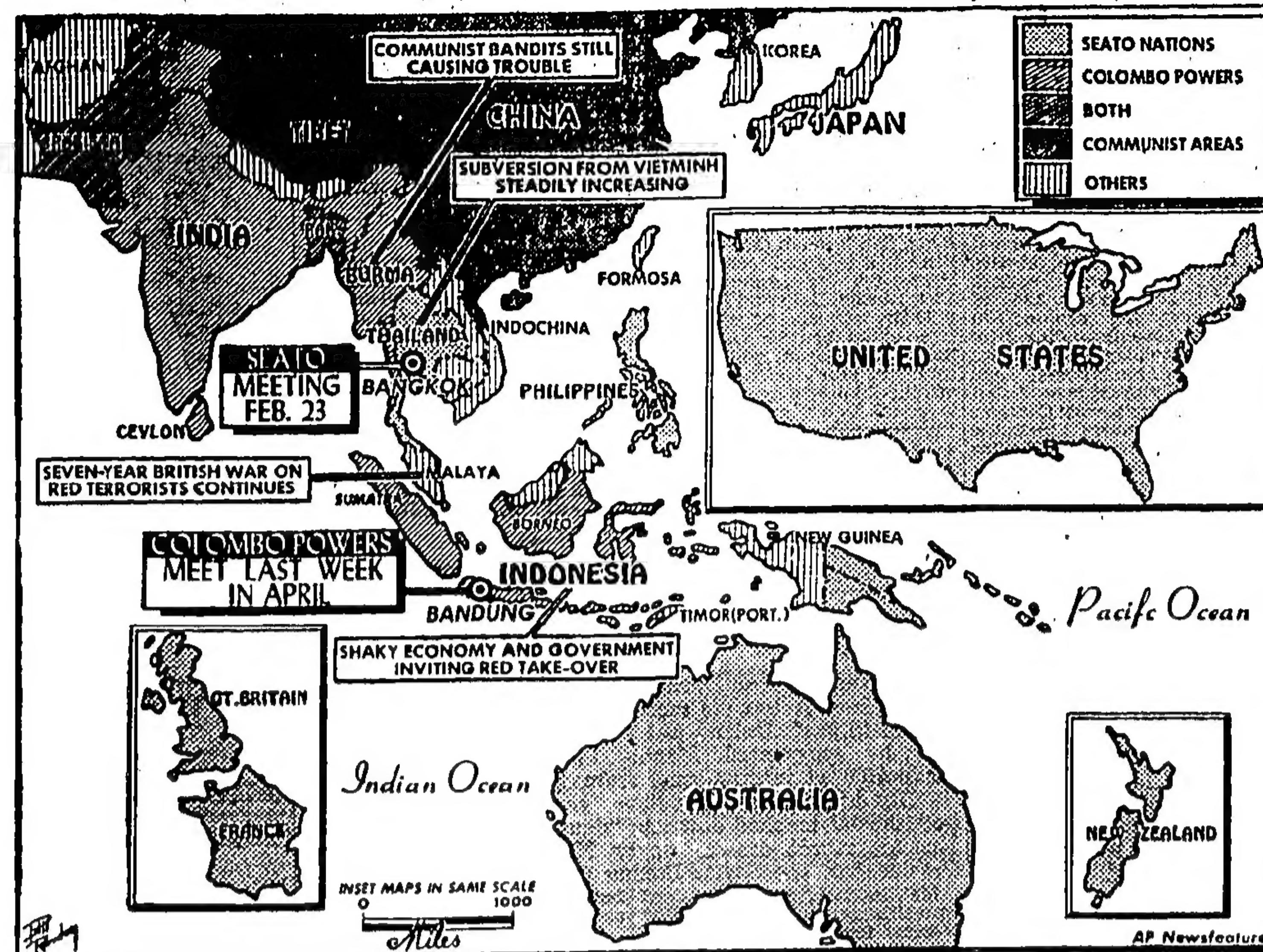
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SEATO TO BLUEPRINT S.E.A.
DEFENCE AT BANGKOK

By LARRY ALLEN

endangering key Southeast Asian countries. The territory covered by SEATO does not include Formosa or Korea, where separate agreements by the United States hold at bay the Red Chinese armies.

Along with plans for coordinating America's mobile ordaining power with British, Australian and New Zealand forces, the SEATO conferences also are expected to accent political and economic measures to block Communist subversive moves.

The countries which last September in Manila signed the pact setting up SEATO are—as shown on the accompanying map—the United States, Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Thailand and the Philippines.

By getting together on Wednesday to put teeth in their cardinal aim of preventing peace and deterring Red aggression, these nations have a chance to anticipate any Red-inspired moves that may be born at the conference of 30 Afro-Asian countries opening in Bandung, Indonesia, the last week in April.

This meeting was called by the Colombo Powers, also indicated on the map, and its sponsors say its aim is to promote world peace and stability. In the background, however, is the deep-seated desire among most of the Asian nations to re-emphasize their Asianism and independence from the West.

Red China's Premier, Mr Chou En-lai, already has indicated he will lead his country's delegation to Indonesia and undoubtedly will seek to put across moves aimed at speeding up the sweep of the Red tide in Southeast Asia. Observers are wondering if there's much chance of the Bandung conference developing into anything more than a Communist sounding board or possible creation of a "neutralist bloc" between the East and the West.

BIGGEST PROBLEM

The biggest problem facing the SEATO conference is formulation of a method of combat subversion, the typical first step by Communists determined to take over a country. There's plenty in this field for the Bangkok delegates to worry about.

Indonesia, which refused to join SEATO, has a wobbly economy and a shaky government—kept in power by support of Indonesian Communists—and is considered a fertile field for the Reds.

Communist agents from Vietminh territory are reported infiltrating free South Vietnam by the thousands. How well South Vietnam can hold up under this pressure apparently will be determined by how effectively the government uses the aid it gets from the United States and France.

Agents of Communism also are active in the little kingdoms of Cambodia and Laos.

Off to the west, the young republic of Burma still is having trouble with Communist-led, or supported, rebels while its government tries to stay out of the cold war with an "independent" policy.

Big India, too, sticks to that road.

But the Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, may be facing the prestige battle of his life in the coming Bandung conference.

Diplomatic observers have seen to think that the Bangkok conference might have to be a "no show" because

Kiwi Nudist Colonies
UNDISCLOSED SITES
IN COUNTRYMail
Notices

Auckland, Feb. 21. New Zealanders have been surprised to learn that they have about 20 nudist clubs scattered about the country at undisclosed sites.

A statement issued at the nudists' third national rally, held in the bush-clad Waitakere Ranges, near Auckland, says that New Zealand has a total of 300 "registered" nudists.

Membership of the clubs ranges from a few people to 30 or more.

PRESS INVITED
The national rally was open to the Press for the first time, but reporters were not asked to remove their clothes.

No Territorial
Claims In
East Europe

Berlin, Feb. 21. The East German Cabinet in a declaration today stated there were no territorial claims between Poland, Czechoslovakia and East Germany.

The declaration, published by the East German Agency, ADN, was made to thank the Polish and Czech Governments for ending the state of war with Germany.

It said the respective announcements constituted a valuable support to the German people's fight for a happy and peaceful future.

Between the German Democratic Republic, the People's Republic of Poland and the Republic of Czechoslovakia there exist a friendly and brotherly feeling, and of mutual help and assistance.

There are no territorial claims, the declaration said.—Reuters.

The nudists' statement, answering the why's and wherefores, says that clubs do all they can to exclude from membership "Peeping Toms" and others whose motives might be questionable.

Auckland has three nudist clubs—Kaurimu, which is proprietary, and the Auckland Outdoor Health Club and the Auckland Sun Club, both of which are run by members' committees.

Prospective members of these clubs fill in an application form. They then meet members of the club committee usually over a cup of coffee at a member's home. Women members entertain women applicants.

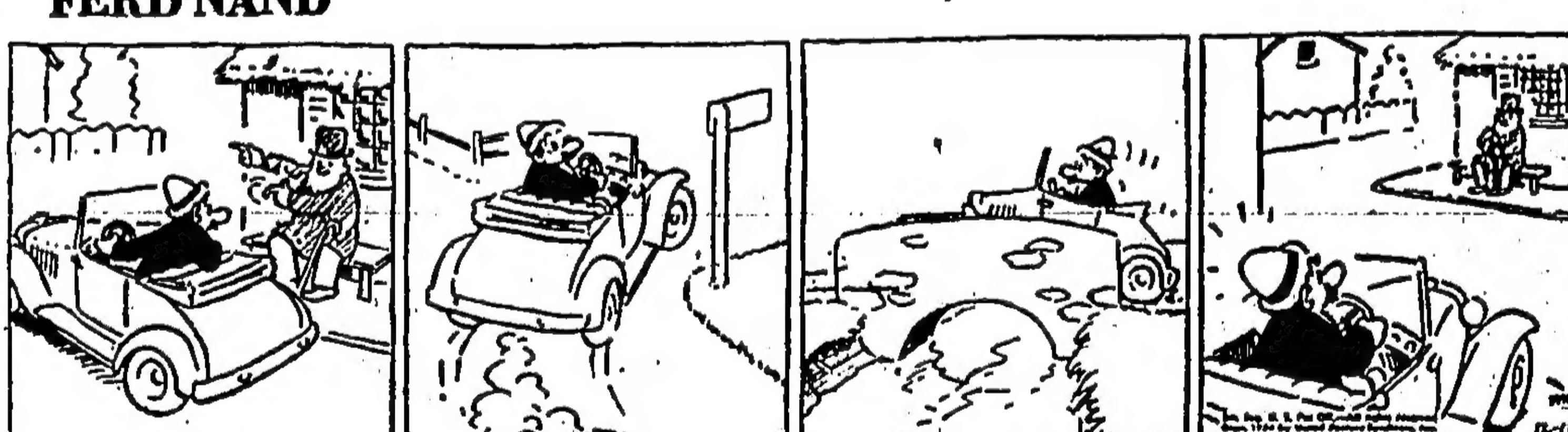
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H.M.T. Signal and Programme Band of the Irish Guards cond. Captain C. H. Jagger (BBC). 6.30, "First Hearing" presented by Captain C. H. Jagger (BBC). 6.45, Weather Report, 7. Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 7.00, Commentary (London Relay); 7.15, "Music in the Cities"; 7.30, Forces Favourites (London Relay); 8. La Dame Blanche (Studio); 8.30, "Dinner in Rio" (A Programme of Latin-American Music played by the Band of the Royal Guards cond. Captain C. H. Jagger (BBC). 9.00, Time Signal, Music of the Twentieth Century Player (Ernest Bloch); 9.30, "Sinfonietta" (Les Jannins); 9.45, "The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra" (BBC). 10.00, "Eileen Campbell (BBC); 10. Highlights from "Patience" (Gilbert and Sullivan); 10.30, "A Day in the Life" (The Prospect Before Us); 10.45, "William Boyce" (Sir Charles Villiers Stanford); 11.00, "Constant Lambert"; 10.50, Weather Report; 11. Time Signal; Radio News; 11.15, "Goodnight Music"; 11.30, "The Queen"; 11.30, "Close Down".



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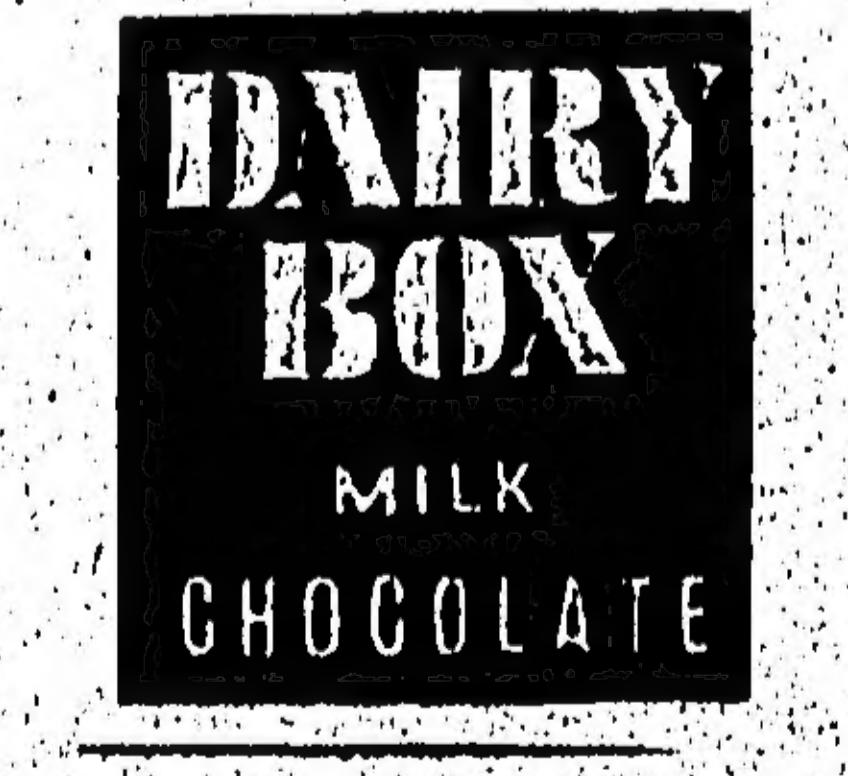


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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

AMERICAN ECONOMY
Expectation Of Another
Prosperous Year
In Most Industries

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Feb. 21.

The months-old guessing game as to what American industries will earn the biggest profits and pay the highest dividends this year showed no signs of abating last week.

Most Americans appear to have resigned themselves to another prosperous 1955—a not altogether unpleasant prospect. They are worrying—a not altogether accurate word—about profits, dividends, taxes and stock splits.

U.S. Markets
Closed Today

New York, Feb. 21.
U.S. security and commodity markets will be closed tomorrow—Washington's birthday.

South American markets will be closed for the Mardi-Gras Carnival. Canadian and British markets will operate as usual—United Press.

World Cotton
Markets

New York, Feb. 21.
Cotton futures today fluctuated narrowly on either side of the previous close "more active dealing."

Most of the activity was given over to liquidation of nearby March contracts and switching to later positions incident to first notice day.

Pre-holiday evening-up, along with routine hedge selling and trade buying made up the balance of the business.

The New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges will remain closed until Wednesday morning for observance of Washington's birthday celebration.

Finishing on a rally, the list ruled 3 points lower to 11 points higher. Opening prices were off 2 to 10 points. New Orleans closed unchanged to up 4 points.

Initial March tenders today covered 22,000 bales in the local market and 10,800 bales at New Orleans. The tenders were about as expected.

As the notice circulated, spurs of liquidation were absorbed by the leading spot firms which were credited with issuing most of the tenders.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
March	100,200	127,400
May	73,100	101,200
July	42,600	78,400
October	23,000	252,000
December	12,400	92,100
March	9,300	101,400
May	700	102,100
July	700	102,800
Total (bales)	230,700	277,200

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	Mar.	May	July	Oct.	Dec.	Mar.	May	July
35.10*	34.39-44	34.71-73	34.71-73	35.12	35.12	35.20-21	35.30	35.30

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	Mar.	May	July	Oct.	Dec.	Mar.	May	July
34.15	34.23	34.71-72	34.71-72	35.00	35.12	35.20-21	35.30	35.30

LIVERPOOL

Futures closings, American middling cotton, 15/16 inch, in pence per lb., were as follows:

Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug./Sept.	Oct./Nov.	Dec.	Mar.	May	July
22.10	22.10	22.10	22.10	22.10	22.10	22.10	22.10	22.10	22.10	22.10

SAO PAULO

Markets were closed today—holiday.

In the United States, the average price of 15/16 middling cotton at 10 denominated spot markets was 24.17 cents. Sales at these markets totalled 9,000 bales—United Press.

New Incentives
For Capital
In Philippines

AMSTERDAM

The market was erratic. No. 1 milled cotton, 15/16 inch, in pence per lb., were as follows:

Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug./Sept.	Oct./Nov.	Dec.	Mar.	May	July
20.16-27.16	20.16-27.16	20.16-27.16	20.16-27.16	20.16-27.16	20.16-27.16	20.16-27.16	20.16-27.16	20.16-27.16	20.16-27.16	20.16-27.16

A bill providing new incentives for foreign investment in the Philippines has been filed in the Senate by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

It would relax controls affecting foreign capital and would ease immigration policy for foreign controlled companies willing to bring in their own investments of supervisory, technical, etc. In addition, it would also provide for tax-free investment of foreign capital in the Philippines.

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LONDON

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Japanese Steel
Price Increased
By Leading Mill

Tokyo, Feb. 21.
Yawata Steel Works, Japan's largest steel maker, today announced a five to eight dollar per ton increase in the price of domestic steel.

A Yawata spokesman said the price rise would not greatly affect its export prices, which are generally above the prices of Japan's chief competitors in Western Europe, excluding Britain.

FORCED TOO LOW

Yawata said domestic price quotation had been forced too low by a deflation-included decline in demand and the result was that Yawata has been losing money.

It said the price increase would "stabilize" conditions and help put Japanese steel mills in the black again.

Appealing to other Japanese steel makers to follow suit, Yawata said its action affected "in principle" those steel products in which it competed with other domestic mills.

The spokesman said the price line was generally maintained in products like rails and thin sheets in which Yawata has a domestic monopoly or near-monopoly.

The measure will go into effect with April-May shipments.

The price increases were not uniform but varied from 2,000 to 3,000 yen per ton. (\$6.50 to \$8.33).

PRICE CHANGES

Some of the price changes were:

1. Small 19 to 25 mm. steel bars hiked from 38,000 yen per ton to 38,000 yen.

2. Heavy steel plates, from 30,000 yen to 41,000 yen.

3. Wire rope, from 39,000 yen to 40,000 yen.

4. Cold rolled sheet, from 70,000 yen to 72,000 yen.

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JOHN CLARKE'S
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LIFE
BEGINS
AT . . .

SOME hold that life for a man begins at 40. In sense it did so for Sidney. A month or two after his fortieth birthday one sort of life began for him—and another ended.

Until that year he had been for most of his working life in chauffeur. One of the elect in his trade, he possessed recommendations and certificates of proficiency which rated as high in the world of chauffeurs as top university awards and degrees in the learned professions.

Then, at 40, Sidney turned criminal. What personal despair or disaster it was that worked the change in him we do not know.

THREE YEARS

BUT he turned to crime, and within a few years, had established such a record that when he was caught and found guilty of receiving a stolen car, he was sent to prison for three years.

A 12-month sentence followed quickly on his release, and he was not long out of prison after that before he was sent down again, for another three years.

Last April, Sidney was set free once more, and now he seemed to have tired of crime, for he found himself a job. Of necessity, he found himself a series of jobs, for no sooner had he settled down in one, than his prison past caught up with him and he was fired.

COINCIDENCE

SIDNEY'S last job was in the North of England, and it ended in the same way as all the others. Wearily, he headed for a main road, and thumbed his way to London. He arrived there in the early hours of the other morning, a pale man, as now, with a bald head that looked as though it had been polished, and a fringe of white hair hanging about his neck.

Almosely, Sidney moched about the early-morning empty streets of Victoria. In one, he saw a car parked. Sidney glanced inside. A hold-all lay on a back-seat. Sidney tried the car's door, which miraculously opened. He reached for the hold-all, and at that moment a police-inspector, on his way home after night-duty, rounded a corner a few yards away.

UNDERSTATEMENT

At Marlborough Street, Sidney pleaded guilty to stealing the hold-all, and a detective went into the witness-box to tell the story of his arrest to Mr Paul Bennett, VC.

"This man tells me," the officer says, "that he has wasted his opportunities. I think he realises that he is not as young as he was, and . . ."

"Perhaps he has also heard of preventive detention," the magistrate said dryly. "Had he any money when he was arrested?"

"He had 5s. 9d. sit. I know he's been very short of money—which is a masterpiece of understatement, if I may say so."

SYMPATHY?

"THERE seems to be a spark of sympathy in you for this man," the magistrate said. "I don't criticise it, but . . ."

"Well, he's undefended, sir," the officer said, "and he was telling me this morning, 'about how he felt'."

"It's true what the officer said," Sidney cut in. "I'm dreadfully sorry about this. I do realise now..."

"I expect you've been saying: 'I've learned my lesson, for a year,'" said the magistrate. "If I sent you to Sessions you'd get a heavy sentence. I don't want to crush you. I'll take all the circumstances into consideration. Go to prison for three months."

"Thank you, sir, thank you," Sidney said, and he went away with a spring in his step, though three months in prison were a prize to be esteemed as though he felt that life, for him, was beginning at 40.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1955.

Remote Control Steering Innovation For Ark Royal

London, Feb. 21. The 36,800-ton Ark Royal, Britain's most modern aircraft carrier, will steer by remote control through areas contaminated by atomic or hydrogen bombs, it was disclosed today.

The disclosure was made by Captain D. R. F. Campbell, the carrier's commanding officer. During an inspection of the vessel by reporters at Birkenhead.

The Ark Royal, built at a cost of between 20 and 25 million pounds sterling, is to be commissioned here tomorrow (Tuesday).

Revealing the remote control apparatus, Captain Campbell stressed that no ship could withstand a direct hit from an atomic or hydrogen bomb.

He added that the Ark Royal—believed to be the first ship in the Royal Navy to have this protection—required large quantities of air to keep her engines going.

There was a serious risk, therefore, that if she were on the fringe of an A-bomb or H-bomb explosion, contaminated air would be sucked in via the intakes, leading possibly to contamination throughout the ship.

GETTING CLEAR

To enable the carrier to get clear of the area of contamination, the machinery spaces had been fitted with a remote control system which would enable her to "steer away from the trouble," Captain Campbell said.

The Captain added that when the remote control system was in operation there would be no personnel in the machinery spaces and the ship would be controlled from compartments conditioned against contamination.

Reporters were not shown the remote control system today.

Another innovation in the Ark Royal disclosed today is "air crew refreshment room"—nicknamed "sam's snack bar"—which is situated just below the flight deck.

Here the carrier's air crews will be able to take coffee, tea, toast or snacks instead of having to go down to the wardroom to eat. This will give pilots more time for eating between flights.

The Ark Royal, built here by Cammel Laird and Company, may be the last big carrier to be built for the Navy. Future construction is likely to be of the smaller fleet carrier.

A large group of foreign diplomats saw the concert from a box opposite that of the Government heads. It included the British Ambassador, Sir William Hayter, and the American Ambassador, Mr Charles Bohren.—Reuters.

May-Hutton Partnership

Sydney, Feb. 22. The MCC, 26 without loss overnight in a bid to make 315 in 5½ hours to win, had made 125 for the loss of three wickets at lunch on the fourth and last day of the match against New South Wales.

The MCC's hopes are now pinned on the unbroken Hutton-May partnership, with the issue still very open. The tourists still require 190 runs with seven wickets standing. At the adjournment Hutton was 33 not out, May 30 not out.

Richie Benaud, turning both ways, took two of the three wickets that fell this morning.—Simpson caught by Davidson for 24 and Graveney leg-before for 28.

Davidson took the other wicket, bowing Wilson for four.

Hutton was described as battoning very well. "Pretty well in top form" was one description of his display by a commentator. But May was "not impressive" and often seemed to be in trouble, particularly against Benaud.

Cowdrey, another MCC stalwart, was said not to be feeling too well. He was reported to have had a slight temperature last night.—Reuters.

Ship Aground: Sinking Fast

Manila, Feb. 22. The Chinese cargo ship Eddie ran aground off the town of Massin, Leyte Province, yesterday morning and was sinking fast, the Philippine News Service reported last night.

The vessel loaded with logs was on its way to Manay, Sultan Province also in Leyte, to take on additional cargo when she ran aground.

The 2,000-ton Eddie was owned by the Lion Lin Steamship Company of Taipeh. She was formerly the Winona, built in 1950.—Associated Press.

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MRS BLACK LEAVES FOR THE UK

Mrs R. B. Black, wife of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, who left the Colony for Bombay en route to the United Kingdom, was seen off at Queen's Pier by many friends and well-wishers this morning.

Mrs Black shook hands all round before boarding the Governor's launch, Lady Maureen, for Kai Tak.

She was accompanied on the launch by Mr Black.

At the airport to receive Mrs Black were Mr Peter Mahtis, District Manager of Air India and one of the line's air hostesses, Miss Hatton, who presented her with a bouquet with wishes for a "bon voyage."

The flight, which left at 9 a.m., will stopover at Bangkok. Picture above, by staff photographer, shows Mrs Black waving farewell at Queen's Pier.

Japan Hit By Fierce 90 mph Storm

Tokyo, Feb. 22. A giant storm with winds up to 90 miles per hour swept through the Japanese islands yesterday and took at least 16 lives before it spewed out into the Sea of Okhotsk, north of Japan.

The Police said late yesterday that 12 persons perished in the storms, gales and blizzards. The Coast Guard reported six other persons lost at sea.

Some 180 persons are still missing in the howling gale which erupted suddenly out of the East China Sea on Sunday and lashed Formosa, Okinawa, Korea and Japan.

The Japanese Coast Guard said that five vessels were sunk, 18 were grounded, 17 were damaged and hundreds of small boats were wrecked or beached. Twenty-four vessels were still missing.

More than 300 Japanese Coast Guard patrol boats were scouring wide areas in search of the missing vessels.

WIDESPREAD DAMAGE

Damage in Japan was widespread with raging blizzards disrupting communications in many areas. Schools in several prefectures were closed and several freight and passenger trains were stranded in snow banks.

Heavy snow blanketed much of Japan's northern areas. Inhabitants of Tsuru in Fukui Prefecture were digging out of the heaviest snowfall in 56 years.

A 2,500-foot wide landslide roared down near Otsuki Village in Niigata Prefecture but there was no immediate report of casualties.

Two Japanese fishing vessels seized and being escorted by the Republic of Korea Coast Guard for trespassing in the "Three Islands" disappeared when the storm lifted. The two vessels carried a crew of 23 and eight ROK Coast Guardsmen.

Some big vessels were crippled temporarily during the height of the storm, but inter-

ven were reported to be out of danger.

In "semi-tropical" Formosa the thermometer dipped to the freezing point and icy gales ripped communications and sank 14 fishing boats.

He is survived by his wife, and a son "Billy" in Singapore.

Daylight Robbery

Athens, Feb. 21. A strong earth tremor killed one man and injured several others tonight at Volo, 100 miles northwest of Athens.

The quake, which disrupted power lines, brought people running from their homes, and a gas line was ruptured.

The robbers escaped in a private car.

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Fire Destroys Two Huts

Two recently erected huts at the 7½ miles from Wan were burnt down this morning in a small fire.

The blaze was quickly put out by firemen from the Tsui Wan Village Station.

There were no casualties, but

four families, who were moved from their old huts when the main road was widened, are now homeless.

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CHARTERED BANK CASE: WITNESS NOT APPEARING

The £10,850 suit brought against the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China by J. M. Shashoua (Hongkong) Ltd., of Gloucester Building, was adjourned for a day this morning by Mr Justice C. W. Reece after it was disclosed that the plaintiffs' principal witness would not be coming to Hongkong to give evidence.

Hearing of the case was adjourned from November 9 until yesterday because the same witness, Mr Bowman, was unable to leave England at the time.

This morning Mr John Clifford (instructed by Messrs Lo and Lo) Counsel for the plaintiffs applied to have Mr Bowman's evidence taken on commission because he was definitely not coming to Hongkong.

The Hon. Leo d'Almeida, QC, who with Mr Leslie Wright (instructed by Mr R. A. Wade of Messrs Deacons) appeared for the Chartered Bank, opposed the application.

The plaintiffs claim that the Bank made a full payment on a shipment of cotton from Pernia before the goods arrived instead of withholding ten per cent which the plaintiffs instructed them to do to protect themselves against the goods being under quality.

The plaintiffs' allegation negligence in respect of payment by the defendant Bank of two bills of exchange in September drawn, respectively, under two letters of credit opened by the Bank at the request of the plaintiffs.

The sum claimed represented ten per cent of the two bills, plaintiffs alleging that the Bank paid the full value of the letters of credit to the sellers, M. K. Malek and Bros. of Teheran, instructed by Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. C. J. Askew, are prosecuting.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

Dr T. M. Teoh, Police surgeon, who gave evidence yesterday, was cross-examined by Mr Leong. He said third accused had refused to be examined by him because he had earlier explained to the accused that he (accused) could refuse to be medically examined.

Asked if he was an expert in forensic medicine, witness replied he was a Police surgeon. Asked further, he said that he was not present when Dr. Lau and Cheung were making enquiries. He said he did not see second accused had fulfilled in the Police Station.

Later that afternoon, he went to Kowloon Hospital mortuary, where Dr Ko performed a post mortem on the deceased.

Cross-examined by Mr Lo, witness said Chief Detective Lau Fook and Detective Chung Wing-kam were at the Hung Hom Police Station when second accused was taken to the station. He said Lau and Cheung did not appear to be angry, nor did he see that they were very unhappy.

The second accused was later taken to the Sub. Divisional Inspector's Room, where he sat on a chair, witness said.

Further questioned, witness said he had remained in the Police Station for only two to three minutes. He said he was not present when Lau and Cheung were making enquiries. He said he did not see second accused had fulfilled in the Police Station.

Asked how he would conduct a precipitant test, he said he would take some of the blood to be tested and dilute it with saline. He would then add a solution of anti-human serum and let the tube stand for about ten minutes. He would then find a layer of white precipitate at the junction of the two solutions.

After asking further questions on medicine, Mr Leong said, "I put it to you that the manner in which you described to me of testing blood falls short of an expert. Do you agree with me?"

Dr Teoh replied he did not think so.

DPC Yuen Pui-kwan, attached to Hung Hom Police Station,

Hearing is continuing.

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Allegation Of Assault By Police

An allegation that the second accused had been assaulted by the Police after he was arrested, was made before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Criminal Sessions this morning when the trial of three young men charged with the murder of Police Constable Lui Shing continued this morning.

The accused are Yam Kwan-pak, alias Ah Kwan, 20, Ho Kwong-tang, alias Ah Tong, 24, and Yam Pak, 20 alias Lan To-yeo. They are alleged to have murdered Police Constable Lui Shing at Kowloon on December 6, last year. It is also alleged by the Crown that they were members of a society known as "14 K."

The first accused is represented by Mr Perry Chen, instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, second accused by Mr Lo Wing-kam, instructed by Messrs Hastings and Co., and third accused by Mr Lawrence Leong, instructed by Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. C. J. Askew, are prosecuting.

Dr T. M. Teoh, Police surgeon, who gave evidence yesterday, was cross-examined by Mr Leong. He said third accused had refused to be examined by him because he had earlier explained to the accused that he (accused) could refuse to be medically examined.

Asked if he was an expert in forensic medicine, witness replied he was a Police surgeon. Asked further, he said that he was not present when Dr. Lau and Cheung were making enquiries. He said he did not see second accused had